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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 February 2004.

2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-5 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1 and 2 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) 3-5 is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some * c) None of:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____

5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

6) Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

1. Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bredacts.

Bredacts discloses a cosmetic container for controlling powder flow rate, comprising: a container body (20) for receiving powder, the container body having one curved guiding slot formed in a bottom thereof and three outlets (22) symmetrically formed around central opening (32); and a rotating body (10) rotatably connecting to the bottom of the container body, the rotating body having three through holes (13) respectively in correspondence with the three outlets of the container body formed in the bottom thereof, a protruding block (15) in correspondence with two different ends of the curved guiding slot, and the protruding block extending from the bottom thereof, wherein the protruding block is slidably received in the curved guiding slot of the container body, so as to control powder flow rate of powder from the two outlets in the container body to the two through holes of the rotating body by rotating the rotating body. The container body has a receiving space formed therein, a circular connecting portion (the circular wall at end 23) formed around a periphery of a top (end 23) of the

container body, an opening defined by the circular connecting portion and communicating with the receiving space and a holding hole (32) formed in the bottom of the container body (20), wherein the rotating body has a hook (31) in correspondence with the holding hole of the container body formed in the bottom thereof and wherein the hook is inserted into the holding hole for connection with the container body. Bredacts discloses one essential guiding slot and one essential protruding block to achieve alignment of the holes of both bodies. However, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to duplicate another essential guiding slot and another essential protruding block symmetrically on the opposite side, since it has been held that mere duplication of the essential working parts of a device involves only routine skill in the art. The symmetrical alignment of the parts between the container body and the rotating body is well known in the art to align the holes of one body to another for transferring powder therebetween. If only two holes are required from each body, then they would obviously be symmetrical to each other as claimed.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 3-5 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Ladd, Jr., both Ladd, Jr. et al., and Laxalt disclose other container for controlling powder flow rate.
4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tuan N. Nguyen whose telephone number is 703-306-9046. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (10:00-6:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gregory L. Huson can be reached on 703-308-2580. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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